



## Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

**Matthew 5 v 16**

Dear Parents

### Let every Light Shine

#### Green Flag Award

We are delighted to announce that the school has gained the "Green Flag Award" with distinction! Well done and thank you to the eco team and Mrs Chisholm for all their hard work! Sustainability is so important to all of us and we will be continuing the work of the eco team in September. Well done everyone! Here are some highlights from the feedback we received; you can really see our Alpington Values in action.

*"It's wonderful that you have appointed such a representative Eco-Committee, this shows your school's excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. We love your democratic and fair approach to appointing Eco-Committee members. It's great to see that other pupils played a part in the process. It was also wonderful to see that they were supported by a member of staff"*

*"We love your ambition in tackling areas where you scored lowest in the Environmental Review. This shows you have a confident Eco-Committee dedicated to maximising their impacts. Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness amongst their school community."*

*"We loved reading about how you had incorporated learning about global issues firmly into the Geography and Science Curriculum (most common ones) in your school. Great work!"*

#### Tennis Coaching

This term we have been lucky to have Paul Solomon coaching tennis for children in Kingfishers and Owls. The sessions were a big success with children enjoying tennis and learning lots of new skills. A small team represented the school brilliantly at a competition at UEA. Thank you to Lorna Hemmant for organising and arranging funding through the LTA. We are hoping to arrange something similar next summer. Attached is lots of information about tennis clubs locally if your child is interested in continuing to play tennis.

#### July

- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm - Summer Fayre
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm KS2 Production
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm & 6pm KS2 Production
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Robins and Kingfishers Open Afternoon
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm – Leavers' assembly; last day of term!

#### September

- **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – children return to school (except Reception)**
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Reception children attend half days:  
Surnames A-H = arrive between 8.30-8.50am, collect at 11.45am  
Surnames I-Z = arrive 1.15pm, collect at 3pm
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> All Reception children attend mornings and stay for lunch, collect at 1.20pm
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – All Reception children attend full-time





### **Bewilderwood**

The Robins and Kingfishers enjoyed a visit to Bewilderwood yesterday. We were so proud of the way that the children behaved, and they had an amazing time. There are a few pictures here; more to come on the website soon.



### **Staffing update**

Today will be Mrs Chisholm's last day as she begins her maternity leave tomorrow, with the baby due next week. We send her off with our love! If you have end of term cards and gifts, we will make sure these are delivered to her.

Reverend Cate has been a lovely link between the church and our school, leading services, helping out with RE, leading collective worship and supporting reading and learning in Robins class on a Friday. Cate has finished her curacy and is moving to take charge of her own parish in Yorkshire over the summer holidays. We would like to say a big thank you, good bye and good luck. Our thoughts and prayers go with you.

### **Summer Fayre**

**TONIGHT!!! 5 – 8pm. It will be fantastic; please don't worry about the weather, we have it all in hand. See you later.**

### **Attendance**

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.55%.

Congratulations to Thomas R in Robins, Ollie and Gracie May in Kingfishers, Amy C and Mira in Swallows and Hannah, Evie and Cleo in Owls on 100% attendance this year. Well done.

### **Robins and Kingfishers Open Afternoon**

You are invited to drop into Kingfishers and Robins classes from 2pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July to share the children's learning. There will be tea (or squash) and biscuits and lots to look at and talk about. Please take your child and their work home with you at the end.

### **KS2 Production**

We are looking forward to the performances next week. Thank you to everyone who has already booked seats – if you have not done so it really helps for us to know numbers. Just to clarify, Eagles, Owls and Swallows are all performing at the same time.

There is room in both the afternoon performances, but the Tuesday evening is starting to look busy.

<https://forms.office.com/e/j9c50wSPEH>

Hopefully there will be no need to restrict the number of places for each family, but please be aware that if everyone tries to come on Tuesday evening we will run out of space. Please be considerate when requesting seats.

### **Choir T-Shirts and Sports Kit**

If any year 6 children have Choir t-shirts they have borrowed, please could these be returned to Mrs Reeman in the office so they can be relaned next year.

We are also missing a few sports kits – Mrs Reeman is sending texts today. Please return these asap – they are brand new.

### **Payments**

Please can you ensure all payments for lunches and breakfast clubs are all paid up until the end of term by 9am next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, please include payment for the last week of term. If you are unsure how much is outstanding/in credit please email Mrs Reeman, [office@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk) so she can let you know. Any credit left at the end of term will be rolled forward into the new term.

**Taster Guitar lessons** for interested children who will be in Years 2-6 from September ... Mr Ian Cooper will be in school the afternoon of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, the last day of term. If your child is interested they may come along. If you require more information please speak to Mrs Reeman.

### **Summer activities**

Mr Colbeck and Mrs Godbold both have spaces on their summer camps – please see attached and sign up ASAP as these places won't be around for long!

### **Swan Lake performance at Norwich Theatre Royal**

Olivia, Year 3, is taking part in English Youth Ballet's performance of Swan Lake at Norwich Theatre Royal – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – see attached for details. We wish Olivia a terrific experience.

We are also attaching various flyers for other summer activities – please browse at your leisure.

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Flyer from school uniform provider
- Summer Art Club – 15, 16, 21, 22 August
- ProCoach Sports Summer Camp
- Loddon Juniors Tennis Club and Summer Camps
- South Yare Wildlife Group – Wildlife Activities Afternoon, Saturday 15 July
- Rockland St Mary Community Café – Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> July 11am – 5pm
- Menu for first day back to school – Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. (the current menu continues for Sept. and Oct.)
- Swan Lake – Norwich Theatre Royal – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July